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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 4-6 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 4-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 September 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Specification*

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

### *Claim Objections*

2. **Claim 4** is objected to because of the following informalities: The word "hemispherical" appears to contain a typographical error. Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 4-6** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peleg et al (WO 98/34195 A1).

Regarding **claim 4**, Peleg teaches a method for inspecting channel pipes, wherein hemispherical or fully spherical digital images recorded at specific locations in the pipe are calculated and perspective images enabling virtual swiveling are produced, the method comprising:

    taking a known geometry of an imaged pipe from an image data at one location (Peleg: figure 12a, b);

    calculating and representing an intermediate image for a random neighboring location of a desired fictive camera position (Peleg: figure 12a, b);

    projecting a recorded image computationally onto the known pipe geometry; and calculating a perspective image data resulting therefrom for a neighboring location (Peleg: figure 11, 12a, b).

Regarding **claim 5**, Peleg teaches calculating at each image point of a 2D-fisheye image  $P'$  ( $X_f, Y_f$ ) with known imaging function, the angle of incidence ( $\alpha, \theta$ ) of the spherical coordinates, and from the calculation a corresponding image point in 3D space  $P$  ( $X_r, Y_r, Z_r$ ) on the pipe surface is represented (Peleg: figure 11).

Regarding **claim 6**, Peleg teaches calculating from the desired fictive camera position and its viewing angle in space (Peleg: figure 11), an image point located in a desired section of an image plane (Peleg: figure 11), and taking from image point coordinates ( $X_b, Y_b$ ) of the image plane and assuming a projection center at a distance  $F$  from the image plane  $B$  (Peleg: figure 11), calculating corresponding image point coordinates ( $X_r, Y_r, Z_r$ ) on the inner surface of the known pipe geometry and corresponding image point coordinates ( $X_f, Y_f$ ) of a fisheye image (Peleg:

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figure 11), so that the color and brightness value of an image point on image plane B with  $P_n$   $(X_b, Y_b) = P (X_f, Y_f)$  is obtained (Peleg: pg. 26, lines 6-28).

### ***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward Park whose telephone number is (571) 270-1576. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:30 - 20:00, (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Werner can be reached on (571) 272-7401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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